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skills. Now I hope that you will approve this money. I don't think, as Senator Von Minden has said, that we are throwing money down a rathole. I can hardly believe he said that about agriculture, but the fact remains that this program I think will help those young people as well as established farmers improve their management skills to make them better managers. It may not make them better farmers. It may not make them better...make the prices better for the commodities that they grow and sell. We are in dire straits in the agricultural sector right now. We will continue to be that way for a long time to come. But this program, I believe, will help assist agriculture and as Senator Sieck has pointed out, if we can save one or two or three, is that money not well spent? I think it is. I appreciate also what Senator Scofield has brought up. We want to provide access, the ability for farmers to have access to these programs. And I will check on that particular plan or idea including state colleges more at a later date. But we are simply asking \$70,000 on top of the already appropriated \$100,000 for this program to help make sure that accessibility and viability is there for these programs. And with that, I will just ask...I would plead with you in the name of improving agriculture and the people out there, the 5000 farm families, and I would like to say I have had many, many calls from farmers who have stopped in to visit me, called upon me through the phone, asking me if there are programs available to assist. And this may be one option, one option before they get into a position where they can't get themselves out of. And, hopefully, you will agree with me that this money is going to be well spent and will support the amendment. Mr. President, would ask for...well, I would just ask for the body to approve this amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, we are voting on the Rod Johnson amendment to LB 1126. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Please vote. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I would ask for a Call